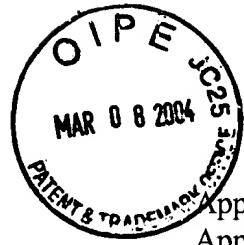


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**AMENDMENT**  
**37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.